

ARMED OCCUPATION ACT.

RESOLUTION

OF

THE LEGISLATURE OF FLORIDA,

RELATIVE TO

*The permits of settlers under the armed occupation act.*

MAY 3, 1848.

Referred to the Committee on Public Lands, and ordered to be printed.

PREAMBLE AND RESOLUTION relative to the permits of settlers under the armed occupation act.

Whereas the act of Congress approved 4th August, 1842, entitled "An act to provide for the armed occupation and settlement of the unsettled part of the peninsula of Florida," entitled the settlers under said act to demand patents for their permits after five years' residence upon their settlements; and whereas a large majority of said settlers, if the law be strictly complied with, will not obtain their patents for a long time to come, but are now well entitled to receive them, the settlers having effected the great object of the law by occupying the country, rendering it safe against the Indians, and filling it with a population sufficient to protect it; and whereas many of the said settlers, after locating their permits and moving their families upon them, were compelled, previous to the passage of an act of Congress entitled "An act to amend an act entitled An act to provide for the armed occupation and settlement of the unsettled part of the peninsula of Florida," approved June 15th, 1844, on account of the sickness and bad water often found upon hammock lands, to remove their families to more healthy spots in the neighborhood of their locations, but who have cultivated the quantity of land specified in said act, and in all other respects complied with its requisitions; and whereas it would tend much to enhance the prosperity of that section of the country in which said law operates, that the settlers should become as soon as possible the owners of the land on which they have located, since they would then be encouraged to make permanent and extensive improvements, and develop the resources of the country: Therefore,

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Florida in General Assembly convened, That our Senators in Congress be instructed, and our Representative requested, to use their best exertions in obtaining the passage of a law by Congress, so modifying the act*

entitled "An act to provide for the armed occupation and settlement of the unsettled part of the peninsula of Florida," as to authorize the issuing of their patents, as soon as practicable, to such settlers who have made their locations and cultivated the specified quantity of land, but who have been compelled, from sickness or other causes, to remove to places near their locations, upon proof being shown to the proper officer that they have otherwise complied with the law.

Adopted by the House of Representatives December 24, 1846.

ROBERT BROWN,

*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

M. D. PAPY,

*Clerk of the House of Representatives.*

Adopted by the Senate December 30, 1846.

D. H. MAYS,

*President of the Senate.*

H. ARCHER,

*Secretary of Senate.*

Approved January 4, 1847.

W. D. MOSELEY,

*Governor of Florida.*